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Upcoming Meeting *11 August 2022, 7 PM -Zoom*

Immigrants of the Great Migration to New England 1620 – 1640

Join us to hear Mr. Lambert's presentation on early immigrants to America from the period of 1620-1640.

Register for
the meeting
[HERE](#).
Thursday, 11
August 2022, 7
PM

David Allen Lambert has been on the staff of NEHGS since 1993 and is the organization's Chief Genealogist. David is an internationally recognized speaker on the topics of genealogy and history. His genealogical expertise includes New England and Atlantic Canadian records of the 17th through 21st century; military records; DNA research; and Native American and African American genealogical research in New England. Lambert has published many articles in the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, the New Hampshire Genealogical Record, Rhode Island Roots, The Mayflower Descendant, and American Ancestors magazine. He has also published *A Guide to Massachusetts Cemeteries* (NEHGS, 2009). David is an elected Fellow of the Massachusetts Historical Society in Boston, Mass., and a life member of the New Hampshire Society of the Cincinnati. He is also the tribal genealogist for the Massachuset-Punkapoag Indians of Massachusetts.

CONFERENCE RECAP

Ann Wells, 2022 MCIGS Summer

What a conference! We had 110 people signed up with four speakers presenting four topics each. Thirty-seven people responded to the survey – about 1/3 of all who signed up. Of those 37, three were attending for the first time, 11 attended previously in-person and 20 had attended both in person and virtual. Thirty-four people plan to attend next year and four didn't know. Seventy-seven percent would attend the same speakers again. Thank you for your feedback!

The virtual conference received so many comments we'd like to share. Thanks to everyone who took the time to make a comment. Each comment means a lot to us.

*Thank you all for doing all the hard work of putting this together. Well done!
Missed the social interaction with fellow genealogist to share notes on research techniques, sources, etc. This year's speakers and subject matter were "less than intriguing" compared to previous years' MCIGS conferences.*

*I think this was the best conference. I liked the presentations as they were very informative, and the presenters communicated very well.
Overall, a good experience.
I did not attend a session presented by Maureen Brady during the conference. I do plan on listening to a couple of her session recordings.*

So happy to be able to attend via Zoom as I live in central Iowa. Always find nuggets of useful information and get inspired to do more research. I do like attending via zoom.

Great conference superbly organized and planned, mostly excellent presentations (Maureen Brady is a divine teacher of all things genealogical!). Very grateful for the opportunity (30 days!) to revisit the presentations. Last, THANK YOU to MCIGS and Heritage Books for the 20% discount to all conference attendees. On-site conference discounts from book publishers are among the best perks. Many thanks! See you next year! Remotely is fine.

*Great presentations...well done!
I'm looking forward to attending next year since I will be able to attend without making a trip to Illinois. A virtual conference is much easier and less expensive to attend. Thank you for a wonderful conference this year; I have next year's date on my calendar already. You did a wonderful job!*

Love your conferences. Have attended for years.

Wonderful conference and excellent presenters! I learned a lot!

I hope recordings will be available and that I did not misunderstand whether they would be or not. I hope to catch a couple of additional sessions this coming week, which isn't as over-scheduled as this past week has been.

Slightly longer sessions might be better for some in-depth content, (or two-part sessions?) and allow more time for questions, too. Thirty minute break in-between is a lot of time. Thank you for the great presentations!

This year's conference was tremendous. I enjoyed all the speakers and plan on going out to the

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website to view those presentations that I didn't attend live. Thank you so much for zooming the conference. For those of us who live far away, it is a great way to be part of the conference (and the meetings too!) Hope this will be a possibility in the future.

I attended the MCIGS seminar today and want to compliment the organizers. The topics offered were varied and well chosen. The Zoom arrangements went smoothly, and it was easy to change between speakers. I downloaded writeups from the syllabus with no difficulty.

Thank you so much for all the effort you put into this year's conference. It was so clearly laid out and ran so smoothly. I was able to take notes on 4 of the sessions and I am looking forward to viewing the other presentations soon.

Living in Blaine, MN, I truly appreciated the virtual conference I hope that you will keep a virtual component for your future conferences - I will always attend in person if I am able, but that seems more and more unlikely. Thank you again and keep up the good work.

What a great conference, thank you and all who made this happen (again)! I especially appreciated your background support during the first session as you responded to questions and posted very helpful links. And extended access is a wonderful way to learn from the entire roster of presentations.

Awesome conference yesterday and took one class from each presenter and loved them all. Now I just need to find the time and stamina to get back to work on Family Search and Family Tree. Finally

figured out the zoom and conference notes on my own!

As Conference Chair I want to thank our committee: Bill Wheeler, Nancy Gaynor, Mike Reall, Kate Mills, Laurie Stage, Tami Allred and Claudia Conroy. Some worked long hours, some only a few hours, but the conference would not have gone on without every last person doing what they did.

Special thanks to Nancy Gaynor for having Conference Central at her house on conference day – one host discovered no internet connection the night before and Nancy opened her home to Conference Central.

Also, special thanks to Kate Mills who created and organized the syllabus. It was amazing!

And many, many thanks to all of you who attended. See you next year!

From the President...

Welcome to the Dog Days of Summer! (Or at least that's how my mother referred to August) This summer really is flying by. I hope all of our members were able to participate in our Summer Conference on July 9th. There were so many interesting topics this year that I had difficulty choosing which seminar to attend. Thankfully all of the sessions were recorded and are available to all who registered for the conference until 8 August. Make sure you take a look at those, as there are many great topics/sessions to enhance your genealogy research.

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Have you written about any of your memories, or even a family history? I recently located a copy of a family history written by my Great Uncle to his daughter. He completed the hand typed 137-page document in 1985. The nice part of this story is that he has filled it with his memories and descriptions of the people and places where he grew up. He transcribed various letters and other documents which he had in his possession and added his own memories throughout the story. It's so wonderful. I feel like I'm with him as he describes the area and some of the things he did with his family which includes my grandmother. The point I'm trying to make is to prod you all to think about recording (in some fashion) some of you day to day memories for future generations. I hope you'll all take my challenge!

Currently our MCIGS Board has 2 vacancies. If you are interested in joining us, we meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month, usually at the Cary (IL) Area Library. On a personal note, I joined the board kind of on a whim. I was pretty new to genealogy and had recently joined MCIGS, and honestly, I would not have said that I had anything to bring to the group. I can't adequately describe how that decision changed my life. Since I started on the board, I have learned so many new things about genealogy, and even about being a board member. The greatest reward that I can speak to, is the friends I have made since I joined! I have folks to reach out to if I need ideas or support with my research, but it's often the technical support that I am in need of. Please consider joining our board. We'd love to have anyone who is interested join us at a monthly meeting to see what we're all about. I hope to see some of you soon.

Laurie Stage
President

Our Ancestor's Lives...

The following items from a short-lived newspaper, the *Seneca Herald*.

From 2 February 1880

The Literary Society meets on Tuesday evening at S. Sillimans

An oyster supper without the oysters is the latest thing in Seneca

An effort is to be made to revive the Universalist Society at Woodstock. The initial sermon will be delivered on the 10th by the Reverend W. H. Ryder, D. D. of Chicago.

The measles are going for every child in town.

Hamilton sold the Radle place to Fred Bryant.

Jim Jackman's team ran away last week, no one hurt.

Hulburt is the "boss" harness maker, and he uses the best oak tanned leather.

Dr Rice the dentist at Crystal Lake, died Wed.

Wed. morn Geo Bryant received a present of a 9 ½ lb. boy.

From 16 February 1880:

Lester Hall has gone to Kansas.

C H Cornish has moved on the Wollcott farm.

The Oak Grove Creamery commenced operations on Feb. 1st.

Our school is progressing finely and the attendance is large. Miss Sarah Frame is teacher.

Diphtheria is still raging in this neighborhood. There are several new cases reported, but thus far none have proved fatal.

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A pleasant gathering was had at Mr. Dilla's on Wed. evening about six couples being present. Mr. Cornish was there with his violin and the guests availed themselves of the opportunity to trip the light fantastic until a late hour in the morn'g.

PLEASANT VALLEY

Asa Holcomb has moved into his new house west of Wm. Ferris.

Johny Pugh had the misfortune to cut his foot quite badly one day last week, nearly severing two of his toes.

Our school is flourishing under the management of Prof. Starr. The school is larger this winter than normal, but is more harmonious.

Upcoming Events

(V) – virtual events; (H) – hybrid events (P) – in person events. Please check with society for more details.

2 August - 9:30 AM – (H) “Read all about It! Using Newspapers as Genealogical Resources” presented by Caron Primas Brennan. Gail Borden Public Library, 270 N. Grove Ave., Elgin, IL.
<https://www.elginroots.com/>

5 August – 6 PM – (P) “Cajun Band & Food Truck. McHenry County Historical Society, 6422 Main St., Union, IL. 815.923.2267

9 August – 7 PM –(H) “Developing a Sixth Census: Finding more in the Census Than Meets the Eye”. Presented by Dan Hubbard; Vernon Hills Village Hall, 290 Evergreen Cr, Vernon Hills, IL
LCIGS1170@gmail.com

18 August – 7 PM – (H) – “Explore the Land of Lincoln for Genealogy **9 August** Records”- Presented by Jenny Warner. Gail Borden Library, 270 N Grove Ave, Elgin, IL 60120, USA
<https://www.elginroots.com/>

20 August – 2 PM –(P) “A Road by Any Other Name” McHenry County Historical Society, 6422 Main St., Union, IL. 815.923.2267



SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH DEATH INDEX

The following index is from St. Mary's Catholic Church in McHenry of all the funerals conducted there between the late 1890's to 1959. Burial may or may not have taken place in St. Mary's Cemetery. This extract will be continued for the next several issues.

NAME	AGE AT DEATH	DATE OF DEATH	PAGE #
_____, Friedrich Bernard	1 yr, 8 mos, 9 days	5 May 1908	21
_____, Mary Josephine	1 day	20 May 1937	82
Adams, Ben	63 yrs	20 May 1943	96
Adams, Christina	62 yrs	29 July 1913	33
Adams, Clara	27 yrs	6 October 1918	38
Adams, Jacob F	60 yrs	9 Feb 1952	120
Adams, Joseph Wm	4 yrs, 10 mos, 6 days	18 January 1899	9
Adams, Leonard	3 yrs, 5 mos	8 October 1918	38
Adams, Mary K	82 yrs	21 July 1936	80
Adams, Peter J	83 yrs	4 August 1902	13
Aicher, Dr. Frank	49 yrs	5 December 1939	37
Althoff, Cletus	25 yrs	26 May 1944	99
Altman, Arlene	30 yrs	5 January 1951	117
Anderson, Louisa	69 yrs	23 March 1959	144
Anderson, Marilyn	19 yrs	25 January 1959	144
Balassa, Mary	71 yrs	13 August 1959	146
Baltramianus, Mike	66 yrs	2 November 1940	89
Barbian, Anna Maria	89 yrs	12 March 1917	36
Barbian, Anton G	67 yrs	28 September 1929	84
Barbian, Barbara	27 yrs	26 December 1902	14
Barbian, Edmund	22 yrs	11 September 1925	55
Barbian, Emma	84 yrs	30 November 1955	132
Barbian, Ernest	20 yrs	21 July 1926	57
Barbian, Gertrude	No age given	31 May 1905	17
Barbian, Joseph	24 yrs	12 June 1934	75
Barbian, Joseph N	33	6 October 1904	16
Barbian, Katherine	84 yrs	5 October 1956	137
Barbian, Lois Ann	3 days	16 January 1937	81
Barbian, Maria Theresa	9 mos	15 April 1935	77
Barbian, Martha	Infant	4 May 1940	88
Barbian, Nicholas	89 yrs	13 May 1958	133
Barbian, Nicolaus	54 yrs	2 November 1905	17
Barbian, Ruth	54 yrs	8 December 1956	136
Barbier, Louise	20 yrs	1 May 1955	131
Barlow, Marcella	56 yrs	2 March 1945	101

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Bary, John	86 yrs	12 July 1956	135
Beatty, Jack D	52 yrs	21 November 1944	101
Bechtol, Maria	54 yrs 3 mos	1 December 1919	41
Beck, James John	1 day	29 August 1954	128
Berry, Harry Jr	16 yrs	7 June 1959	145
Bickler, Anna	52 yrs	17 July 1937	82
Bickler, Anna	73 yrs	11 March 1928	61
Bickler, Arthur	67 yrs	8 June 1959	145
Bickler, Carl	47 yrs	7 December 1948	110
Bickler, Elisabeth	6 mos	19 August 1912	30
Bickler, Ina	74 yrs	8 April 1951	117
Bickler, Ina Mary	30 yrs	27 June 1951	118
Bickler, Jacob	73 yrs	4 August 1944	100
Bickler, Mary	67 yrs	8 April 1957	137
Bischof, Friedrich	25 yrs	16 July 1908	21
Bischof, Jacob	59 yrs, 16 days	21 May 1898	7
Bischof, Johann	49 yrs, 4 mos, 9 days	9 February 1912	30
Bischof, Joseph	34 yrs	14 September 1906	18
Bischof, Peter	33 yrs	13 September 1902	13
Bischof, George	38 yrs, 6 mos, 17 days	28 October 1918	39
Bishop, Anna Catherina	78 yrs	23 July 1922	48
Bishop, Nicholas	60 yrs	23 June 1926	56
Bishop, Susan	69 yrs	1 July 1952	121
Bishop, William	68 yrs	1 March 1955	99
Blackman, Maria	47 yrs, 8 mos, 5 days	14 December 1909	22
Blake, Christ	90 yrs	14 June 1950	115
Blake, Eva	71 yrs	17 June 1926	56
Blake, Gertrude	45 yrs	15 November 1901	12
Blake, John	88 yrs	2 June 1938	84
Blake, John M	76 yrs	6 March 1929	63
Blake, Margaret	63 yrs	1 January 1943	95
Blake, Margaretha	26 yrs	11 March 1902	13
Blake, Maria	79 yrs	30 September 1933	72
Blake, Maria Katharina	17 yrs, 8 mos, 13 days	24 April 1911	27
Blake, Mary	1 day	31 May 1924	52
Blake, Mathias	65 yrs	26 November 1950	116
Blake, Mathias	78 years	19 February 1927	58
Blake, Rosella	42 yrs	2 November 1953	126
Blake, Susan	80 yrs	27 January 1950	114
Blasius, Bernard	75 yrs	4 February 1954	126
Blasius, Mary	64 yrs	4 May 1946	103

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Blick, Elisabeth	76 yrs, 1 day	4 February 1897	5
Blick, Elisabeth	19 yrs, 3 mos, 11 days	13 June 1898	7
Blick, Peter	76 yrs, 9 mos, 13 days	16 February 1900	10
Blick, Wilhelm	5 yrs, 9 mos, 10 days	14 November 1895	2
Boger, Catherine	80 yrs	11 November 1955	132
Boger, George H	16 yrs	14 May 1920	42
Bohr, Magdalena	77 yrs	17 August 1948	109
Bohr, Nicholas	61 yrs	22 February 1922	50
Bohr, Paul	No age given	23 January 1956	132
Boley, Anna	69 yrs	20 April 1958	141
Boley, Carl Johann	1 mos, 21 days	30 November 1910	25
Boley, Gottfried	76 yrs	22 December 1959	148
Boley, Josephina	88 yrs	26 January 1936	79
Bonerva, John	No age given	22 January 1951	117
Bonslet, Jacob	76 yrs, 4 mos, 4 days	4 July 1908	21
Bonslett, John N	No age given	27 March 1946	103
Bonslett, Leonhard	76 yrs, 10 mos	10 September 1896	3
Bonslett, Margaret	87 yrs	27 July 1925	54
Bonslett, Margaret	22 yrs	2 March 1923	50
Bonslett, Mary	49 yrs	5 May 1926	56
Bower, Katharina	58 yrs	19 March 1914	34
Bower, Nicolaus	62 yrs	22 June 1914	38
Bowers, Nicholas M	44 yrs, 11 mos	26 February 1923	50
Bowers, Peter	57 yrs, 3 mos, 15 days	8 February 1909	23
Bowers, Rosa Susanna	6 mos	27 December 1905	17
Bowman, Alice	72 yrs	13 October 1958	143
Boze, Earl	57 yrs	7 August 1944	101
Bray, Frances	54 yrs	26 March 1943	95
Brda, Charles J Jr	3 yrs, 6 mos	8 December 1948	110
Brefeld, Alvin	13 yrs	20 April 1927	59
Brefeld, Anna Elizabeth	2 mos	21 December 1930	67
Brefeld, Ben	79 yrs	18 April 1950	115
Brefeld, Christine	82 yrs	7 December 1958	143
Brefeld, Emilia	81 yrs	12 March 1937	81
Brefeld, Frank	42 yrs	21 April 1937	81
Brefeld, Heinrich	47 yrs	16 April 1916	35
Brefeld, Lillian	48 yrs	8 December 1936	80
Brefeld, Margaret	78 yrs	31 March 1951	117
Brill, Andrew J Sr	59 yrs	17 August 1959	146

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